

REMARKS

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Interview Summary

Applicants' undersigned representative, Mr. Eiferman, and Examiner Mark Radtke participated in a telephonic interview on November 1, 2006 to discuss the present claim amendments. Examiners Mark Radtke and Jeffrey Gaffin agreed to reevaluate the rejections in light of the present claim amendments.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

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In an embodiment of the present application, an application entity is matched to a context entity, which is a single entity derived from one or more related service entities from various application services. After the application entity is matched to the context entity, the application determines a state of each service entity within a corresponding business process administered by the application service that manages the service entity. The application also determines dynamic actions available on the related service entities. The available dynamic actions include an indication of whether a state change is available on each service entity within its corresponding business process. The application then generates a display of the state of each service entity within its corresponding business process and the available dynamic actions.

Bata is directed to data source flattening. Bata discloses that content may be retrieved from a variety of data sources (Col. 5, ll. 55-61). However, the Office Action (See Pg. 3) concedes that "Bata does not explicitly teach determining dynamic actions available on the related service entities; and generating a display of the available dynamic actions."

Boyd discloses that a live link may be established to a number of different underlying data sources (Col. 8, ll. 7-11). Boyd also discloses generation of an XML representation of

the data within the data sources (Fig. 8 and Col. 26-27, spanning ¶). However, Boyd does not teach or suggest determining a state of a service entity in a corresponding business process administered by each of the underlying data sources. Boyd also does not teach or suggest determining whether a state change is available for each service entity within its corresponding business process. Moreover, Boyd does not teach or suggest generating a display of the state of each service entity and an indication of whether a state change is available.

Accordingly, the cited references do not teach or suggest the following features of independent claim 1 (or similar features from independent claims 8 and 16):

- determining a state of each service entity within a corresponding business process administered by the application service that manages the service entity;

- determining dynamic actions available on the related service entities, the available dynamic actions comprising an indication of whether a state change is available on each service entity within its corresponding business process; and

- generating a display of the state of each service entity within its corresponding business process and the available dynamic actions.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 8 and 16 are patentable over the cited references. Applicants further submit that claims 2-7, 9-15 and 17-24 are patentable at least by reason of their dependency. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

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OF PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicants further submit that no new matter has been added by the present amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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